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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCIT ANTONIO WOJTOWICZ, 31 YEARS OLD, AUSTRIA

TO: MRS. ERIC MCELWAIN
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1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST CONFIRM THE DEATH OF YOUR BROTHER ANTONIO WOJTOWICZ. LOCAL AUTHORITIES INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT PORT-AU-PRINCE ON JULY 2 OF HIS DEATH DUE TO INJURIES SUSTAINED IN A LIGHT PLANE CRASH ON JULY 2 AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. THE U.S. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED AT FIRST THAT YOUR BROTHER WAS A VENEZUELAN CITIZEN SO WE DID NOT PURSUE THE CASE UNTIL YOUR INQUIRY WAS RECEIVED HERE LATE LAST NIGHT ON JULY 3.

2. YOUR BROTHER WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE FLIGHT PLAN HE SUBMITTED TO THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES HERE WHEN HE LANDED.

3. LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF THE REMAINS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS, PENDING YOUR WISHES FOR THEIR DISPOSITION, AN AUTOPSY IS BEING PERFORMED BY THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF HAITI.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS ABROAD. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR BROTHER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT TO HOUSTON WOULD COST \$1200. CREMATION FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE HERE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS BETWEEN

\$200 AND \$2000. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IN NEW YORK TO THE BANQUE NATIONALE D'HAITI IN PORT-AU-PRINCE PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

(C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S. YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 7 DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 21799 IN PORT-AU-PRINCE.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMEMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI
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